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Oral Question 877-18(2) Condition of Highway 1 and Highway 7

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on September 26, 2017, about the condition of Highway 1 and Highway 7. You expressed concerns about the signage on Highway 1 near Bouvier Creek, and whether the current signs meet the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) standards.

Following your query, an inspection of the current highway signs in the area of Bouvier Creek was conducted by the South Slave Regional Office. It was determined that changes should be made to the signage in that area to ensure they meet the correct TAC requirements at this curve, and the signage will be adjusted shortly.

You also raised concerns in regards to the safety of the Wrigley section of Highway 1, which you provided more details about during the Committee of the Whole review of the Department of Infrastructure (INF) 2018-19 Capital Estimates. INF applied a significant amount of granular material to the section of Highway 1 between N'Dulee and Wrigley in 2016 and 2017, which has greatly improved the surface conditions. The only area left to resurface is from kilometre 630 to 658, which is scheduled to be completed in 2018. A five-year plan to re-establish the Highway 1 right-of-way through mowing and mulching will also begin in 2018. INF will continue to monitor the highway conditions and maintain this road to an acceptable standard.

INF is committed to the safe operation of Northwest Territories highways and continuous maintenance and improvements to the highway system. Thank you for bringing the concerns regarding the signage issue on Highway 1 at Bouvier Creek to our attention, and for your continued work to ensure the Northwest Territories highway system is safe for all of its users.

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